

**George Washington to Henry Lee Jr., October 10, 1779,
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To MAJOR HENRY LEE

Head Quarters, October 10, 1779.

Dr. Sir: You will observe by the certificate in possession of the bearer Mr. Martlin,¹ that he is acquainted with the navigation of the North river. I have directed him to you instead of sending him on to Philadelphia lest the Count may have been at the Capes of Delaware and gone on to the Hook. I have to request that this Gentlemen may join the Count on the first appearance of the fleet, as his services will probably be very essential at the commencement of operations. I am, &c.²

¹ilol Abraham Martlings.

²he draft is in the writing of Richard Kidder Meade and 2ench 2ilghman.